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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States imports for consumption from $1,431.6 million in December 1959 to $1,162.5 million in January 1960, a drop of about 19 percent, reflected decreases in imports of all of the economic classes of commodities. The January imports for consumption total was about three percent higher than the January 1959 total of $1,133.9 million.

Imports of finished manufactures fell from $508.1 million in December 1959 to $410.3 million in January 1960 as decreases were reported in imports of most of the individual commodities included in this economic class. The more noticeable of these were automobiles and parts, from $88.4 to $61.3 million; newsprint, from $65.1 to $48.2 million; and steel mill products, from $39.0 to $34.2 million. A notable exception, however, was imports of wool manufactures, which rose from $11.6 to $22.4 million. The decrease in imports of crude foodstuffs from $189.5 to $111.4 million was due primarily to declines in imports of coffee, from $113.3 to $56.6 million and cocoa, from $23.0 to $9.5 million. Imports of crude materials fell from $283.3 to $245.0 million as sizable decreases were recorded in imports of crude petroleum, from $79.1 to $61.5 million; crude rubber, from $36.0 to $27.2 million; iron ore and concentrates from $27.3 to $21.5 million and undressed furs, from $20.1 to $16.1 million.

The decline in imports of semimanufactures from $322.7 to $289.9 million reflected decreases in imports of iron and steel semimanufactures, from $43.8 to $36.0 million; aluminum, from $15.4 to $8.9 million; and wood pulp, from $26.0 to $22.3 million which were partly offset by a rise in imports of nickel and alloys from $13.9 to $18.5 million. Declines in imports of whisky from $18.4 to $10.1 million and meat products from $32.2 to $26.7 million accounted for the bulk of the drop in imports of manufactured foodstuffs from $127.9 to $105.9 million. However, imports of sugar, also included in this economic class, rose from $26.2 to $32.2 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. These estimated values are shown in the tables of this report as "Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures." The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:

JANUARY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See the "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity		January 1960	December 1959	January 1959	Monthly average 1959	Monthly average 1958
Total	value	1,162.5	1,431.6	1,133.9	1,248.9	1,061.6
Free	value	417.3	550.7	448.7	485.2	445.1
Dutiable	value	745.3	880.9	685.2	763.8	616.5
Crude materials	value	245.0	283.3	262.1	257.7	230.0
Hides and skins	value	5.3	5.4	6.4	7.3	4.5
Undressed furs	value	16.1	20.1	14.6	8.0	6.7
Crude rubber	1,000,000 lb.	79	107	124	108	89
	value	27.2	36.0	33.0	32.1	20.9
Copra	1,000 lb.	40,338	39,560	53,799	58,808	50,102
	value	3.8	3.8	5.0	5.7	4.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	14,675	10,647	13,624	12,640	11,543
	value	10.0	7.6	10.0	9.3	8.7
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	9,987	7,811	7,666	12,760	12,190
	value	0.7	0.4	0.4	2.1	2.5
Jute and jute butts	long tons	10,044	7,168	7,057	5,740	3,121
	value	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.0	0.7
Sisal and henequen	long tons	10,270	9,694	10,271	10,432	9,767
	value	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.3
Wool, unmanufactured, free	(1,000,000 lb.) actual weight	16	14	26	21	13
	clean content[1]	12	11	20	16	10
	value	8.8	7.3	11.6	10.3	6.6
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable	(1,000,000 lb.) actual weight	14	15	16	13	9
	clean content[1]	9	10	11	9	6
	value	9.5	10.8	9.7	8.4	7.1
Pulpwood	1,000 cords	103	93	105	104	114
	value	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	27,407	36,258	31,156	31,841	31,976
	value	61.5	79.1	75.1	72.2	78.3
Diamonds, rough or uncut	1,000 carats	147	90	74	133	94
	value	5.5	5.5	4.9	7.9	6.0
Diamonds, for industrial use	1,000 carats	1,762	1,157	637	1,089	839
	value	5.4	5.1	2.7	5.2	3.3
Iron ore and concentrates	1,000 long tons	2,370	3,035	1,967	2,969	2,296
	value	21.5	27.3	15.9	26.0	19.3
Ferroalloying ores	value	9.6	16.7	14.7	11.0	11.4
Copper (copper content)	1,000 lb.	6,015	7,268	9,779	6,700	16,884
	value	1.7	2.1	2.7	1.9	3.8
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb.	46,497	7,156	51,162	22,861	39,772
	value	4.9	0.7	5.2	2.3	4.3
Tin (tin content)	long tons	2,452	138	3,416	898	455
	value	5.5	0.3	6.7	1.9	0.9
Zinc (zinc content)	1,000 lb.	135,531	51,300	91,810	74,855	90,091
	value	7.0	1.5	3.9	3.3	4.3
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates	value	6.2	7.2	6.6	6.5	6.2
All other crude materials	value	29.1	41.3	27.6	31.4	26.9
Crude foodstuffs	value	111.4	189.5	145.4	151.9	161.4
Fish and shellfish	1,000 lb.	42,612	49,157	40,623	45,752	39,847
	value	13.5	15.0	12.1	13.5	12.2
Cattle, except for breeding	thousands	46	62	85	57	94
	value	4.4	5.9	9.4	6.8	10.8
Grains	value	2.0	4.8	1.9	3.2	4.2
Vegetables, fresh and dried	value	6.8	4.8	3.8	3.5	3.8
Bananas	1,000 bunches	4,053	4,666	3,645	4,518	4,064
	value	5.5	7.1	5.6	6.5	5.8
Cocoa or cacao beans	1,000,000 lb.	32	74	50	40	37
	value	9.5	23.0	18.3	13.7	14.4
Coffee, raw or green	1,000,000 lb.	163	313	210	255	222
	value	56.6	113.3	79.6	91.1	97.5
Tea	1,000 lb.	9,644	11,042	8,498	9,140	8,618
	value	4.7	5.6	4.1	4.3	4.0
Black pepper, unground	1,000 lb.	2,524	3,247	2,904	2,914	2,839
	value	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.6
All other crude foodstuffs	value	7.5	9.2	10.1	8.7	8.1

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
JANUARY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity		January 1960	December 1959	January 1959	Monthly average	
					1959	1958
Manufactured foodstuffs	value..	105.9	127.9	120.1	133.2	125.3
Meat products	1,000 lb..	64,048	80,979	80,386	81,209	70,817
	value..	26.7	32.2	34.3	32.8	27.9
Cheese	1,000 lb..	4,167	8,753	5,320	5,322	4,645
	value..	1.9	4.5	2.4	2.6	2.3
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb..	39,118	48,651	47,542	43,453	39,886
	value..	11.3	13.2	12.7	12.3	11.0
Fodders and feeds	value..	1.6	1.7	2.5	1.7	1.8
Cane sugar	1,000,000 lb..	630	486	648	756	772
	value..	32.2	26.2	35.9	41.3	43.3
Molasses	1,000 gal..	16,851	18,019	19,104	24,205	28,698
	value..	1.8	2.3	2.2	3.0	3.7
Whisky	value..	10.1	18.4	9.0	14.8	13.2
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value..	20.5	29.5	21.1	24.8	22.2
Semimanufactures	value..	289.9	322.7	242.6	275.4	220.2
Leather	value..	3.4	4.3	3.6	4.0	2.6
Bristles	1,000 lb..	303	323	344	303	200
	value..	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5
Expressed oils, inedible	value..	3.2	4.1	3.2	4.7	4.1
Quebracho	1,000 lb..	6,770	10,564	10,076	9,285	9,300
	value..	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
Wool semimanufactures	value..	4.9	4.8	4.5	5.2	3.7
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc	1,000,000 bd. ft..	214	271	257	339	283
	value..	18.9	23.5	19.7	28.1	21.8
Wood pulp	1,000 short tons..	173	204	216	203	175
	value..	22.3	26.0	27.1	26.2	23.1
Gas and fuel oil	1,000 bbl..	27,645	23,794	28,558	19,833	17,503
	value..	56.7	51.1	61.1	42.1	41.5
Asbestos	long tons..	48,882	42,215	40,524	48,928	43,706
	value..	4.7	4.3	3.6	4.6	4.0
Diamonds, cut but not set	1,000 carats..	69	107	63	77	60
	value..	5.7	7.3	6.4	7.2	5.7
Iron and steel semimanufactures	value..	36.0	43.8	9.9	23.2	7.5
Aluminum	value..	8.9	15.4	8.5	12.6	11.8
Copper (copper content)	1,000,000 lb..	102	110	31	62	56
	value..	32.7	34.9	8.6	18.6	13.7
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb..	50,776	19,824	39,362	46,556	61,159
	value..	6.1	3.7	5.7	6.2	6.6
Nickel and alloys	1,000 lb..	25,489	21,687	6,940	19,370	15,448
	value..	18.5	13.9	4.6	12.3	10.2
Tin	1,000 lb..	7,744	7,363	7,393	8,744	8,275
	value..	7.2	7.4	7.0	8.6	7.5
Zinc	1,000 lb..	21,267	19,728	35,225	27,583	31,111
	value..	2.5	2.4	3.4	2.8	3.0
Coal-tar products	value..	3.8	5.7	4.7	4.9	3.9
Industrial chemicals	value..	7.4	9.1	6.4	7.8	6.0
Fertilizers and materials	1,000 short tons..	86	166	76	158	123
	value..	3.5	6.3	3.0	5.2	4.9
All other semimanufactures	value..	42.4	53.4	49.9	49.4	37.4
Finished manufactures	value..	410.3	508.1	363.8	430.7	324.8
Leather manufactures	value..	5.5	8.5	4.2	7.0	5.1
Essential or distilled oils	value..	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.3
Cotton cloth	1,000 sq. yd..	38,472	41,325	9,102	20,031	11,750
	value..	7.6	7.7	2.7	4.3	3.2
Other cotton manufactures	value..	13.5	12.7	9.9	12.5	9.3
Burlap	1,000 yd..	59,802	80,181	74,594	80,623	70,910
	1,000 lb..	36,856	45,899	46,225	49,485	40,641
	value..	6.3	7.6	7.3	7.6	6.3
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures	value..	2.8	3.7	2.2	2.6	2.3
Wool manufactures	value..	22.4	11.6	12.0	14.3	10.9
Silk manufactures	value..	6.8	8.7	5.7	6.1	4.8
Shingles	1,000 squares..	124	175	116	178	178
	value..	1.2	1.7	1.1	1.8	1.6
Newsprint	1,000 short tons..	371	513	342	437	407
	value..	48.2	65.1	43.1	55.5	51.2
Other paper manufactures	value..	5.7	7.2	6.0	6.5	5.0
Pottery	value..	4.6	5.3	4.0	4.8	3.9

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JANUARY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity	January 1960	December 1959	January 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	34.2	39.0	19.8	28.8	13.4
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	9.0	11.1	7.9	9.3	6.4
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	12.1	11.8	11.0	14.1	10.2
Automobiles and parts.....value..	61.3	88.4	68.2	70.3	46.0
Other machinery.....value..	36.7	51.8	32.2	40.0	28.8
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	8.8	10.7	8.9	10.2	10.5
Photographic goods.....value..	3.3	5.6	2.8	4.2	3.4
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	2.8	3.7	2.7	3.1	2.4
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	1.9	3.1	1.6	2.4	1.6
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	4.7	5.5	4.0	4.9	3.4
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	2.5	5.3	2.5	4.7	3.9
American goods returned.....value..	16.7	21.9	15.1	19.5	16.6
All other finished manufactures[2].....value..	80.1	97.9	79.3	84.8	65.1
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[2].....value..	9.5	10.8	8.2	10.2	8.3

*Indicates less than $50,000.
[1]Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.
[2]For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.

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